

REMARKS

Responsive to the lack of unity determination imposed in the outstanding Official Action mailed April 2, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, Claims 29-34 and 37, drawn to nucleic acids and kits comprising nucleic acids. In addition, Applicants hereby elect (ii) the *si* gene (e.g., SEQ ID Nos. 3 and 8). In addition to claim 30, Applicants believe that new claims 38-43 read on the elected sequences. Indeed, all of the sequences set forth in claims 38-43 relate to SEQ ID NO: 3. As a result, Applicants believe that they should be examined along with claim 30.

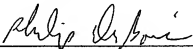
Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Please note that the fee of \$210.00 for the extra independent claim added herewith, is being paid online simultaneously by credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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